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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

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1. ON JANUARY 13, DCM QUERIED GORGE FURTHER ON REASON MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE WAS NOT DISCUSSED DURING WALDHEIM VISIT TO ANKARA. GORGE SAID UN OFFICIALS EXPECTED TURKISH SIDE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE; AS IT TURNED OUT DISCUSSION NEVER GOT AROUND TO MISSING PERSONS. GORGE THOUGHT OMISSION MIGHT HAVE BEEN RESULT OF ECEVIT'S DESIRE TO AVOID LESSER, DETAILED ASPECTS.

2. GORGE REITERATED HIS JAN 12 STATEMENT THAT HE IS AUTHORIZED TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING FORMALITIES OF COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT ONCE AGREEMENT IS REACHED BETWEEN THE PARTIES. DCM EXPLAINED THAT OUR CONCEPT IS THAT ONCE AGREEMENT IS IN PLACE GORGE WOULD GO THROUGH THE FORMALITY OF OBTAINING INITIALS OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES ON SEPARATE COPIES OF TERMS OF
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REFERENCE (FORMERLY WORKING PAPER) AND WOULD FORWARD DOCUMENTS TO ICRC. THIS WOULD BEGIN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS AND DEMONSTRATE UNSYG BLESSING.

3. GORGE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UNDER UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION, UNSYG IS OBLIGED TO ASSIST PARTIES IN FORMATION OF COMMITTEE. BECAUSE OF THIS, GORGE WILL

ASK WALDHEIM TO RAISE MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE WITH
KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH ON JAN 14. GORGE WILL SUGGEST
THAT SYG (1) ASK EACH PARTY FOR THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF
STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS, (2) STATE HIS SUPPORT FOR
FORMATION OF COMMITTEE, AND (3) ASK HOW HE CAN HELP.
SINCE SYG CONVERSATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE VOTE OF
CONFIDENCE IN TURKEY, GORGE DOES NOT EXPECT EITHER
SIDE TO MAKE NEW COMMITMENTS BUT HE HOPES SYG SHOW OF
INTEREST WILL BE A PUSH IN RIGHT DIRECTION.
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